

Graduate Student Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

February 22, 2024

Kansas 1 (OSC) and Zoom

1. Call to Order: Lisa called the meeting to order at 3:40 pm.

- Vote to accept January meeting minutes: unanimously approved
- Introductions of those present: no new introductions

2. University Committee Reports

- Academic Honesty Committee
 - No Report
- Board of Governors
 - No Report

3. GSAC Committee Reports

- Communications and Outreach Committee
 - No new reports
- Events Committee
 - No new reports

4. Reports from Programs

- Megan Vestal reported being awarded for grant funding for a conference. One stipulation Megan noted was the requirement to participate in the April PSU Colloquium by creating a poster presentation over something completed during her time at PSU.

5. Old Business

- SGA Collaboration
 - Jen reported that the executive committee met to discuss an ad-hoc committee for making constitutional amendments and deciding on a communication notifying GSAC members about the importance of the February meeting.
- Response on the email post-graduation concern
 - Lisa reported that after 6 months of graduation access to PSU email will be discontinued. There is not an option to pay a fee to PSU to continue utilizing PSU email once you are no longer a student based on the contract PSU has with Microsoft.

6. New Business

- Events committee
 - Jen shared that there were only two members on the events committee and that volunteers were needed if GSAC plans to hold an event this semester.

- Lisa informed the committee that if funding will be needed, the committee will need time to send a proposal to the provost for approval.
- Jackson Bertoncino shared his interest in becoming a member of the events committee.
- Neal asked for Jessica Mangala, chair of the committee, to meet with committee members and schedule a meeting. Then the committee should send an email asking for more GSAC member support.
- SGA Collaboration
 - Neal explained how the collaboration between GSAC and SGA could work. SGA is attempting to include more graduate student concerns. The questions for GSAC remains: How will SGA bring delegates to the council, whether they are full members or only acting as liaisons, if they will be able to run for leadership positions, and how the GSAC constitution will be amended to include this collaboration.
 - One solution is to form a volunteer amendment committee with a chair that shall be appointed by the executive board and be subject to approval by majority vote of the council present at the February meeting. This committee will not be a long-term committee. However, this committee will consider and work out amendment logistics. After the election of a chair, Neal will send the language to be used in the by-laws and the committee will submit a proposal at the March meeting.
 - This committee would be able to discuss and submit an official proposal (one week before the next meeting) via email. Once the committee has a meeting time, additional volunteers could be added/allowed to join at the chair's discretion.
 - The proposal can be presented as New Business at the next regularly scheduled meeting to pass a vote from members in attendance.
 - Committee Members
 - Chair – Megan Vestal, unanimously approved as chair
 - Dawson Blanco
 - Executive Member – Neal Zoglmann

7. Important Dates

- March 9-17: Spring Break
- March 21: Next Meeting
- April 4: Science Day
- April 18- Final Meeting of Semester

8. For the Good of the Order

- Nothing noted

9. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by Neal at 3:56 pm.